

**SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROCESSING DATABASE QUERIES****ABSTRACT**

The present invention provides a system and method for processing a database query  
5 between one or more clients and one or more databases. The database query, which is  
formatted using a first protocol, is received from one of the clients. One of the databases is  
selected to process the database query and the database query is translated from the first  
protocol to a second protocol. The translated database query is then sent to the selected  
database for processing. A response to the database query, which is formatted using the  
10 second protocol, is received from the selected database and the response is translated from  
the second protocol to the first protocol. The present invention determines which of the  
clients sent the database query and sends the translated response to the client that sent the  
database query. This method can be implemented as a computer program embodied on a  
computer readable medium.